



Newsletter



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Headteacher

Many of you have asked about the future of the school. We are now in a position to be able to inform you that the Headteacher, Mr Ian Laite, is no longer in post. Estyn inspectors are in close communication with the local authority about future plans and you can be assured that every step is being taken to ensure that the school is under close scrutiny to ensure it makes progress towards the given goals. Further information will be sent out to parents when governors, local authority and Estyn indicate the next steps for the school. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and ask at school.

Dyffryn school

Did you know that Dyffryn comprehensive are having a new building? The new school will be opening in September 2018. If your child is in year 6 they will have one year at the lower school and then they will be transferred to the new building at the upper school site. The building is currently being built so please go and take a look. The design plans are also in the NPT website. If you're child is in Year 5 or below you need to consider that he/she will be moving into this new building at the upper school site. Any questions, please come and ask. The new headteacher of the new school, Mr Shaun Clarke, will be visit Eastern soon to meet the children and parent

SHEP

Letters have been sent out regarding the school holiday programme. Those of you who have requested a place so far can now assume that your place is reserved for you. I will be sending a letter out confirming this after the half term holiday. The programme will run for the first three weeks of the holiday and it's all free for you!

Director of education

Aled Evans would like to meet with parents on June 7th at 5pm regarding the progress the school is making. Please make every attempt to attend this meeting.

Water bottles

Please can you make sure your child brings a water bottle to school to fill up with fresh water daily.

Have your say

Only a few parents attended the meeting for parents to have their say but even so we covered quite a lot! The school plan will be posted onto the school website to save paper and photocopying costs. Parents are happy that uniform is being brought back into place. There was a suggestion that we can order school badges for parents to sew onto clothing as an option. Just to confirm that there is a red gingham dress that is available in images shop for the girls. There have been queries over school meals and portion size and this is being looked at. The newsletter is proving to be successful and on the whole parents are happy with the progress the school is making. There is lots more planned so please keep checking the newsletter.

Keeping Safe

We have been talking to the children about keeping safe. The police have contacted the school regarding an incident in port talbot and has asked that we remind the children about not going with strangers. We have also talked to them about how older people can often use clever tricks to get children into sticky situations that lead to some terrible stories. We will continue to remind them and make sure that they know how to get help at all times. Please make sure you know where your children are at all times and who they are with. We do not want any incidents whereby children have been lured into inappropriate situations. Please keep a close eye on our precious little people.

Reading

We are all working hard to improve reading in the school. Please please please make sure you read with your child daily. It is important that you as parents support this in order for your child to be reading at the appropriate level.

Attendance and punctuality

I am really pleased to see that both of these are improving. Thank you! We don't want your children to miss out on any learning time at all. We are doing so much in school now. The educational welfare officer is checking all those under 90% so if you have a visit please make sure you ask for help if it is needed.

Diary Dates

June 5th	Back to school.
June 6th	Mountain biking with years 4, 5, & 6
June 7th	Year 6 puberty talk Director of education - meeting parents - 5pm
June 8th	Year 5 puberty talk
June 16th	Year 6 transition day with Dyffryn - Margam Park
June 3rd	One day this week - sports day - to be confirmed.
July 4th	Year 6 tranistion day at Dyffryn lower All children visit new classes.
July 10th	Summer fete
July 14th	End of year reports out to parents
July 17th	Year 6 leavers assembly, concert & disco
July 21st	Last day of school
July 24th - Aug 10th	School holiday programme - food & fun theme. More information to follow. First come first served basis.